Rain water harvesting in Tamil Nadu

3026. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu has sought Central assistance to harness rain water in the State for irrigational and drinking purposes.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) A proposal at an estimated cost of Rs. 34.81 lakh for rain water harvesting and artificial recharge at Padayedu village in Polur Taluk in Thiruvannamalai District was received in the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) from Public Works Department of Tamil Nadu. However, no assistance could be provided to Tamil Nadu for the purpose, as presently there is no approved scheme on artificial recharge of ground water and rain water harvesting in the CGWB/Ministry of Water Resources.

Funds for NCPP

3027.SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP) had lately been drawn out by Government, if so, the details of the NCPP, phase-wise and the estimated cost thereof:

(b) whether funding of the project is to be shared by external funding agencies, if so, the details of shares of the funding agencies including that of the Central and State Governments; and

(c) the shares of such funding to be met by the State Government of Maharashtra and other maritime States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. The National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP) has not been finalised.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.